

If you didn't read this in '09 – read it in '10

Brooklyn

by Colm Toibin

A spare portrayal of a young Irish woman's emigration to Brooklyn in the 1950's told with remarkable emotional truthfulness.

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Cutting for Stone

by Abraham Verghese

Conjoined and orphaned twins born to an Indian nun and a British surgeon, come of age in Ethiopia. An epic novel of war, love, betrayal, medicine, history, and landscape.

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Every Man Dies Alone

by Hans Fallada

Based on the true story of a Berlin couple who conducted their own resistance campaign against the Nazis by leaving anonymous, subversive postcards around the city.

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A Gate at the Stairs

by Lorrie Moore

A coming-of-age story of Tassie Keltin, a young college student in the Midwest, who discovers the bizarre behavior of apparently normal people.

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Let the Great World Spin

by Colum McCann

Philippe Petit's illicit 1974 high-wire walk between the World Trade Center towers is the touchstone for stories of the people down below, including an Irish monk living in the Bronx projects, a Park Avenue mother in mourning for her son who died in Vietnam, and a heroin-addicted hooker.

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Love and Summer

by William Trevor

A beautifully nuanced novel set in Ireland during the 1950s. Ellie Dilahan leads a quiet life married to an older farmer until she meets a young photographer who sparks a reckless passion. **Fic Tre**

Spooner

by Pete Dexter

Warren Spooner, despised by his mother as the surviving twin of a painful childbirth, has nothing but trouble. A tragi-comedy that borders on the absurd. **Fic Dex**

Stone's Fall

by Ian Pears

In 1909, John Stone, a successful financier and arms dealer, mysteriously falls to his death from the window of his London home. Historical mystery at its best.

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This is Where I Leave You

by Jonathan Tropper

In this hilarious novel, Judd Foxman honors his father's dying request by spending a week with his dysfunctional family while simultaneously coping with his wife's infidelity.

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Wanting

by Richard Flanagan

Set in the wilds of nineteenth-century Tasmania, this novel links arctic explorer Sir John Franklin, Charles Dickens, and an Aboriginal girl adopted by Lady Jane Franklin in the hopes of "civilizing" her as a social experiment.

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Wolf Hall

by Hilary Mantel

This Booker Prize-winning novel tells the familiar story of Henry VIII's challenge to the church in his desire to divorce Catherine and marry Anne Boleyn in a fresh new way, through the perspective of Henry's advisor Thomas Cromwell - a fascinating character study.

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